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SUBJECT: CRASH OF U.S. REGISTERED AIRCRAFT IN MEXICO

1. EMBASSY NOTIFIED BY MEXICAN AVIATION AUTHORITIES APPROXIMATELY
1000 AUGUST 7 OF CRASH OF U.S. REGISTERED AIRCRAFT IN MOUNTAINOUS REGION

NEAR ACAPULCO. AIRCRAFT WAS FALCON FANJET, REGISTRY NUMBER-888-AR,
ON FLIGHT FROM HOUSTON TO ACAPULCO. MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE LOCATED
CRASH SITE APPROXIMATELY 240 DEGREES WEST SOUTHWEST OF STATE CAPITAL AT

CHILPANCINGO AND 20KM DISTANCE. CRASH OCCURRED SOME TIME BETWEEN
0400 AND SUNRISE; CAUSE IS NOT YET DETERMINED. EMBASSY INFORMED
DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER BY TELEPHONE IMMEDIATELY.

2. AUTHORITIES CONDUCTING SEARCH REPORT THAT THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF
SURVIVORS AT CRASH SITE. WRECKAGE OF AIRCRAFT IS SPREAD OVER A WIDE
AREA IN AN ALMOST INACCESSIBLE REGION. JUDGING FROM FORCE WITH WHICH
PLANE CRASHED, IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THERE COULD BE SURVIVORS. RECOVERY
OF BODIES AND WRECKAGE IS EXPECTED TO BE DIFFICULT.

3. FROM FAA OFFICE HOUSTON, EMBASSY INFORMED THAT FLIGHT PLAN
FILED IN HOUSTON LISTED PILOT OF AIRCRAFT AS M.L. FUNK OF
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (NO OTHER ADDRESS GIVEN). FLIGHT PLAN STATED
NINE PASSENGERS ON BOARD, BUT NO NAMES GIVEN FOR PASSENGERS.
OWNER OF AIRCRAFT LISTED AS HANSA JET, WALTER CAY AIRPORT, 700
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4. FAA HOUSTON LATER REPORTED THAT FAA MIAMI OFFICE HAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THREE PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN ON AIRCRAFT LEAVING MIAMI:

PILOT: MICHAEL BAN, 100-16 HOPE ST., STAMFORD, CONN.

COPILOT: KEVIN BARNES, 317 HENLEY AVE., MILFORD, N.J.

PASSENGER: DAVID GRAIVER, 998 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK, N.Y.

FAA HOUSTON HAS NO INDICATION WHETHER THESE THREE PERSONS WERE ON FLIGHT LEAVING HOUSTON.

5. CCS CHIEF DANIELS AND CONSULAR ASSISTANT HAVE LEFT FOR CHILPANCINGO

TO ASSIST AUTHORITIES IN RECOVERY AND IDENTIFICATION OF BODIES. AT REQUEST OF LOCAL COMMANDER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, EMBASSY ALSO CONTACTED

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, WHO ARE ARRANGING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS TO ASSIST IN RECOVERY EFFORT.

6. EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO NOTIFY NOK OF VICTIMS PENDING MORE RELIABLE INFORMATION ON IDENTITY OF PASSENGERS. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING THROUGH FAA WASHINGTON ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON IDENTITY OF PRESUMED VICTIMS AND NOK.
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